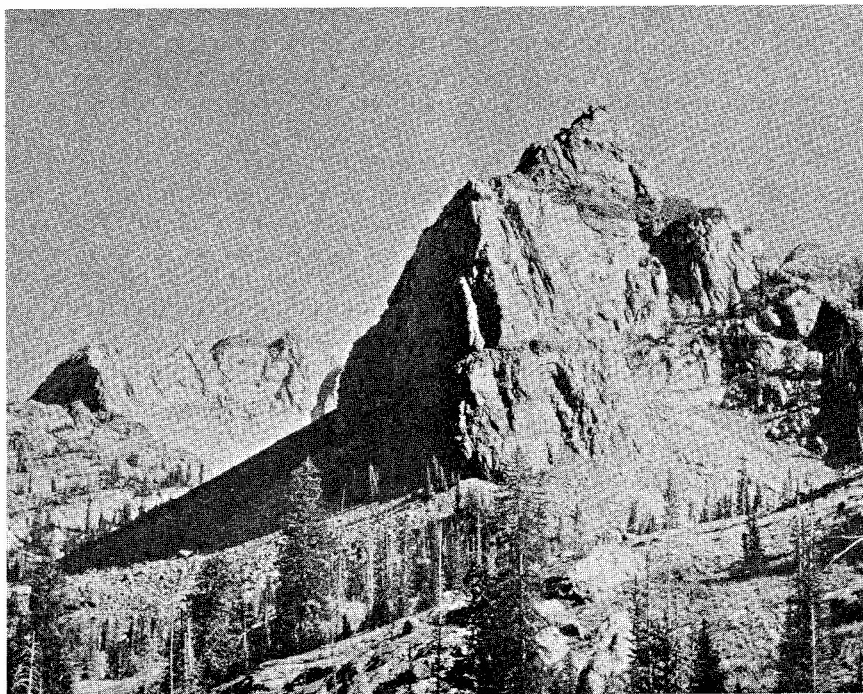


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CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR MAY 1965

Register for all trips at Club Headquarters, EM3-7150

- May 1
Saturday BEGINNER'S CLIMBING CLASS--First class period. Enrolled students meet at the gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon at 7:45 am. Bring warm clothes, lunch, water, and your equipment. No class if snow is on the ground.
- May 1
Saturday BLACK MOUNTAIN -- Repeat of April 25 hike for those who didn't get to go then. Leader, John McDuff. Meet at Shriner's Hospital, 9:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm April 30.
- May 2
Sunday MT. GRANDEUR-- One of our favorite Mill Creek Canyon hikes. El. 8,299; rating 5.0. Leader, Carl Bauer. Meet at Red Carpet Inn (Old Finlandia) 3923 Wasatch Blvd. Register by 6:pm May 1.
- May 6
Thursday ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK -- about 5400 S. on Wasatch Blvd., any time after 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited, whether climber or socializer. Registration not necessary for these Thursday evening sessions.
- May 8 & 9
Sat. & Sun. WESTWATER TO MOAB -- Our first river run of the '65 season is a new trip for the club. The run will start at the little town of Westwater near the Colorado border, proceed through Westwater Canyon, and end up at Moab. The rapids and scenic attractions in this area will satisfy most avid outdoorsmen. One of the advantages of this trip is that we are not confined to the gorge each night. A road parallels the river, enabling us to camp by the bus. A work party will be held at Ann McDonald's home on Sunday, May 2, at 1:00 pm. For directions to Ann's, phone 277-0816. Everyone going on the trip is requested to be present. Full registration is obtained when your '65 club dues are paid, and all or part of the \$12 trip price is paid. The remainder will be collected at start of trip. Closing date for registration is Tuesday, May 4. Time of departure is 7:00 pm, Friday, May 7. Place will be announced at work party. Leader: Dave Cook, 355-4086.
- May 8
Saturday MT. AIRE -- A scenic, easy hike (rating 3.0). Meet at Red Carpet, 3923 Wasatch Blvd, at 9:00 am. Leader: Dave Sundstrom. Register by 6:00 pm May 7.

May 8
Saturday
INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING CLASS -- First class period. Enrolled members meet at Storm Mountain reservoir parking area at 7:45 am. Bring warm clothes, lunch, water, and your equipment.

May 8 & 9
Sat. & Sun.
MOUNTAINEER'S WEEKEND- Climbing, caving, ski-touring, and hiking for everyone. This is a gathering of members of western university outing clubs being sponsored this year by the Ute Alpine Club, Univ. of Utah. For information call Bill Isherwood, 364-3409. Register with Bill by May 4 if you plan to participate.

May 9
Sunday
MT. OLYMPUS -- Meet at Pete's Rock (about 5400 S. on Wasatch Blvd.) at 8:00 am. We will take the South trail. Carry plenty of bandaids or tape your feet on this one! Sturdy shoes are a necessity. Rating 8.0. Leader: Boone Newsome. Register by 6:00 pm May 8.

May 13
Thursday
ROCK CLIMBING AT PETE'S ROCK -- Come out anytime after 5:00 pm. Everyone invited.

May 13
Thursday
CREVASSE RESCUE PRACTICE-- Meet at entrance to Memory Park in City Creek Canyon between 5:30 and 6:00 pm. Bring ice axe, ice pitons or screws, carabiners, and prussic slings. Mountaineer requirements may be completed at this session.

May 15 & 16
Sat. & Sun.
NOTCH PEAK-- Meet at 48th S. & Redwood Rd. (Albertson's) at 2:00 pm Sat. We will drive west of Utah Lake, past Delta on US 50 to vicinity of Skull Rock Pass, and on to the campsite. Bring water and commissary for two meals and a trail lunch. Sunday we'll hike up the trail through Douglas fir to the summit, which provides a spectacular view from a 2,000-ft. precipice. Return late Sunday. Rating 6.0; El. 9,655. Leader, Carl Bauer. Register by 6:00 pm May 14.

May 16
Sunday
MT. AIRE "GET ACQUAINTED" HIKE -- Especially designed to acquaint new and prospective members with us old members. Everybody come out en masse for le grand hike! Mt. Aire is another club favorite; an easy, scenic hike. Meet at Red Carpet, 3923 Wasatch Blvd at 9:00 am. Leader: Ed Schneider. Register by 6:00 pm May 15.

May 16
Sunday
BEGINNER'S CLIMBING CLASS-- Second class. Meet at Storm Mountain reservoir, 7:45 am. Bring lunch & equip.

May 20
Thursday

DIRECT AID ROCK CLIMBING DEMONSTRATION -- at Storm Mountain; a close-up, exciting demonstration by Steve Ellsworth of the techniques used to surmount overhangs and other obstacles on difficult climbs. Everyone is invited to watch (you won't have to do what Steve will do!). Starts at 6:00 pm, immediately to rear of Storm Mountain amphitheater. Intermediate Climbing Class members and prospective Mountaineers are urged to attend. 'Burgers, refreshments available after at nominal cost.

May 22
Saturday

TOPAZ MOUNTAIN -- A trip for rockhounds, especially those who like to look for Topaz, a light pink, semi-precious stone. Bring pick and tea strainer (or shovel and screen), lunch and water, and the whole family. Meet at 48th S. & Redwood Rd. at 8:00 am. We'll go out Redwood, west of lake to Tintic, then about 50 miles WSW. Return late Saturday. Leader: Dick Feltis. Register by 6:00 pm May 21.

May 22
Saturday

INTERMEDIATE CLIMBING CLASS -- Second class. Meet at Storm Mountain reservoir at 6:30 am. Bring lunch, warm clothes (snow techniques today), and all your gear. Don't forget your ice axe!

May 23
Sunday

BEGINNER'S CLIMBING CLASS -- Third class. Meet at Storm Mountain reservoir at 6:30 am. Bring warm clothes (snow techniques today), lunch, and your gear.

May 27
Thursday

ROCK CLIMBING AT STORM MOUNTAIN -- Come out early for evening exercise. Climbing, hiking, socializing. 'Burgers and refreshments afterwards.

May 29 - 31

YAMPA AND GREEN RIVERS -- Looking back over the last few years, we've decided that floating down the Yampa and Green Rivers is one of our most enjoyable boat trips. These white-water rivers hold many a thrill and sometimes a spill! Except for more lush vegetation, this area, with its high cliffs and talus slopes, resembles canyons now inundated by Lake Powell. Try this trip for excitement and beauty that is hard to beat! We'll have a work party at Ann McDonald's home (phone 277-0816 for directions) on Sunday, May 23, at 1:00 pm. Everyone going on this trip should be present. Registration closes May 25; time of departure, 7:00 pm Friday, May 28. The place will be announced at work party. Price, \$22. Leader: Gale Dick, 359-5764.

- May 29 - 31
Sat., Sun.,
& Mon. CLIMBING HOLIDAY-- Last year we were stormed-out, but "We Shall Overcome". Destination is Lake Blanche, with possible rock climbing on Mt. Superior or the Sundial, and snow climbing to Dromedary or Twin Peaks. Everyone is welcome for climbing and hiking. Camp may be on snow, so prepare accordingly. We plan to leave Friday night and climb Sat., Sun., and Mon. Leaders: Tom and Mimi Stevenson. Register by 6:00 pm May 27.
- May 29
Saturday SURPRISE HIKE-- Destination depends on snow conditions. If you haven't been on a hike with Sarah Weller, don't miss this one! Meet at Red Carpet, 3923 Wasatch Blvd., at 9:00 am. Register by 6:00 pm May 28. Leader: Sarah, of course...
- Jun 3
Thursday ROCK CLIMBING AT GATE ROCKS-- Meet at the gate in Little Cottonwood Canyon for practice on granite. Refreshments afterwards, either here or at Storm Mtn.
- Jun 5
Saturday MT. TIMPANOGOS-- Leave from Aspen Grove, early. Bring lunch, sun glasses, cream, and ice axe. Leader: Ron Perla. Register by 6:00 pm Jun 4, for this easy but long snow climb.
- Jun 5, Sat. REYNOLD'S PEAK-- Leader: Delbert Yergenson
- Jun 6 -- LODGE WORK PARTY -- Lunch & Refreshments Furnished
- Jun 13, Sun. DESERET PEAK -- Leader: Gale Dick
- Jul 3 - 5 CANYON OF LODORE -- We'll start at Brown's Hole, proceed through the Canyon of Lodore to Echo Park, then down the same portion of the Green River taken on our Yampa and Green River trip. A good way to get out of the city over the 4th of July!
- Jul 24 - 30
Approx. SALMON RIVER -- From Shoup to Riggins on main channel of the Salmon. This is a long trip and most people will have to take vacation time for it. Because of the travel miles and river time involved, we must know in advance the number of people interested in going. Please notify Dave Cook, 355-4086, as soon as possible, if you plan to go. More details later.
- Sep 4 - 6 JACKSON, SNAKE RIVER TRIP -- "Old Reliable" again, with river running, camping, hiking, Jacksoning, etc. More details later.

FLOAT NOTES

by Dave Cook, Boating Director

Dale Green's article on "Money Matters" in the last Rambler basically stated that if we had more people on our trips, we would be more solvent. Looking at it from a different way, if you take the five river trips mentioned, your cost for the 1965 season would be approximately \$110. This involves about 18 days, mostly on weekends, and over 3000 miles of bus travel. Very few vacations can be taken in this day and age on \$6 a day, transportation included. We offer you a chance to see some of the most scenic parts of four western states, but also need your support to make the trips a reality. TRY A BOAT TRIP--ENJOYMENT GUARANTEED.

PLEASE NOTE: Every person going on a boat trip must have a chest-type life preserver. No one will be allowed on the river without one. Belt and seat cushion type preservers are not suitable.

DID YOU KNOW that club members can rent the club-owned 16 hp outboard motor? For information and the very reasonable rates, call Dave Cook, 355-4086.

LET'S TELL THE CONSERVATION STORY

by Cal Giddings

It has been pointed out many times that pioneers are always anxious to destroy their own heritage--the wilderness that makes them pioneers. The West is still young enough to play the pioneer part. There are still lands to conquer and we are hell bent on conquest. With bulldozer, power saw, wooly sheep, and steel trap the natural landscape and its community of life are dismembered a little more each day.

We all know the prevalent attitude. If avalanches block one road, build another--the forest and stream are of no concern. The coyotes got another sheep last week up on Lester's Fork--let's spread another 50,000 pounds of poisoned bait. This river out here is just going to waste--how about another dam over there, Joe?

Many people are inherently sympathetic to conservation, but around here they rarely hear its voice. The forest and the wild animals are silent--it is up to us to speak for them, and so far we have not done well. I want volunteers who are willing to write letters (about one a month) in behalf of conservation. You can do this on your own, or, if you don't object to being reminded once in a while and having topics suggested, join our group. You can get more information from Cal Giddings (359-2588) or Paul Schettler, Jr., (DA2-3010).

COVER PHOTO of the Sundial above Lake Blanche (Mt. Superior on left) by Jack McLellan.

TRIP LEADERS, PLEASE KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

You have an important job. The safety and enjoyment of the group you lead depends, to a great extent, on your performance as a leader. The following statements briefly outline leader responsibilities, and apply to all club outings, whether hiking, boating, climbing, skiing, or beer drinking ---

-- Know your area. If you haven't been over the route before, obtain maps and detailed information from someone who has.

-- Coordinate transportation and starting of the activity. Insure that all participants are adequately equipped for the particular type of outing. Take names and count noses at the beginning of a trip. (Count noses once in a while on the way, too, so if somebody drops from a cliff or out of a boat, you'll know about it shortly after!)

-- Set the proper pace for the type of trip. If the tribe of, "By damn, I'm going to run up that mountain if it kills me--" types wants to forge on ahead, fine --- the leader's place is wherever the correct pace for the trip puts him, depending on length of trip, weather conditions, etc.

-- Know the whereabouts of participants at all times. Especially keep track of stragglers. (This is impossible for the 5000-foot-an-hour boys, so forget about them until if and when they reappear.)

-- Encourage slow hikers and climbers, but don't force them. Assist and instruct newcomers as necessary. Use your common sense. If you feel that someone can't make the trip, tell them so, and suggest that they turn back. If having a person not physically capable of maintaining a reasonable pace for the type of trip involved will endanger the rest of the party, or make the trip particularly unenjoyable for them, you must insist that they return. If necessary for safety, someone should return with them.

-- Carry a first aid kit. And a flashlight. Everyone should carry these items, but a leader must. (A list of outing essentials will appear in a future issue of The Rambler.)

-- Notify the Membership Director non-members who participated in the activity so she may follow up with the proper correspondence. A leader should carry several application blanks, too.

-- Assign the Rambler write-up to one of the participants, or do it yourself. People like to read about a trip they were on (or missed!), and most people like to see their name in print (we're all hams). Trip reports make The Rambler more interesting. They are excellent advertising for future trips. (See EDITORAMBLERIZING for more on this subject.)

TRIP MEMBERS -- Now that everyone has read the preceding page, and knows all the problems of a leader, how about helping to make his job easier during all the trips in which you participate?

MOUNTAINEER'S OUTING

by Mimi Stevenson

Sunday morning, April 17, didn't look too good weather-wise, but Harold Goodro, Jack McLellan, and Tom and Mimi Stevenson braved the elements for a delightful morning of climbing. No super climbs were attempted, but much practice of all types was done on the boulders of Little Cottonwood Canyon. Man alive, it sure is hard climbing some of that granite with no hands! Later, George Lowe and Court Richards showed up and tried to find a new rock for every climbing situation. As the sun reached its zenith, we all decided to take our tired muscles home for a little rest.

PFEIFFERHORN WINTER CLIMB

by Tom Stevenson

March 18 - 20, 1965---The objective for a Winter climb was the Pfeifferhorn instead of the Wind River Range because of the lack of time we had available this year (Winter ended March 20th at mid day). Court Richards, George Lowe, and I felt that the NE face of the Pfeifferhorn would provide an interesting climb. The 900-foot face is not especially steep, but provides an interesting variety of snow and rock, and to the best of our knowledge, was unclimbed in the Winter.

Three tired ski mountaineers (finals week at the U was just over) finally pitched camp at the mouth of Maybird Gulch at 8:00 pm, April 18th, after a scenic, late afternoon tour along the quiet hillsides. Food was put on---and quickly devoured. The temperature was very cold. Even the valley had a low of about 10° that night, we heard.

After a wait-til-the-sun-rises-to-warm-things-up start, we left our skis at the base of the hill and began the climb. The first portion was over and through wind slab and thin crust-covered depth hoar respectively.

George made the first lead while I seconded, and Court, who lost his ice hammer coming through the trees the night before, basked in the sun. While making the second lead I encountered the same sugary snow George had, but in addition found a small arete where the snow was step-cutting hard. George made the third lead through sugar snow over dubious rock and surmounted nicely but uncomfortably (his rope jammed) a rock overhang. He lead to the full extent of the 150 ft. rope to find an adequate belay position. Meanwhile Court and I were trying to keep warm. We were in shadow and taking the brunt of a 20 or 30 mile an hour breeze. Court told me to warm my proboscis as it was getting frost bitten; thereafter I periodically looked like I was making funny faces, with my gloved hand around my nose.

Upon reaching George, I told him to thaw his snout, too. I started the next lead after bringing Court up. I encountered a chockstone at the head of the steep sugar snow filled couloir, but by-passed it on the right, on rather rotten but ice-cemented rock. The next belay was set beside a small cornice on the N ridge in the sun. George made the next lead over not so well cemented rock on the ridge to a wind exposed site a rope length below the top.

We made the remaining jaunt towards the summit over beautiful, crampon-hard snow. Court led to the top at about 4:30 pm. We signed the register and then sped down to the skis and camp. We postponed our trip out until the next day since it was so late.

The weather was cold, 10° to 15°, and windy but enjoyable. Several pitons were used for safety and belays; crampons were used throughout the climb, as were ice axes. Court used a jumars ascender to aid his ascent and to speed up the climb. The climb took 5½ hours from the base of the lowest rock outcropping on the face. The snow, except in two places (both very exposed to wind) was extremely unconsolidated and any where from ankle to waist deep. George experimented with an elephant foot, down jacket and air mattress sleeping arrangement; he survived but was not especially comfortable.



by Dennis Caldwell and Dave Allen

We are giving a tentative schedule of the Canada trip now, so people can start planning in earnest. The first week will be spent in the Bugaboos region and will involve several days of camping and climbing. After a day or two of rest we will begin the second week's activities in the Lake Louise area.

On Sunday night, Aug 1 (or Monday morning, for those who like to drive at night) we will gather in Spillamacheen, B. C. The meeting place will be a campground to be designated later.

Monday we will pack up, drive, and hike into the Bugaboos, a magnificent area of granite peaks jutting out between glaciers. The climbing ranges from easy scrambles to very difficult free and direct aid climbing. The Bugaboos area is considered one of the finest climbing areas in Canada.

The approach involves 27 miles of gravel road and 7 miles of hiking to Boulder Camp. Since we should arrive in the early afternoon, the rest of the time can be spent loafing and setting up camp; or, for the more ambitious types, climbing something like Crescent Spire, a 4 hour climb, may be attempted.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday (a.m.) will be spent climbing, hiking, or loafing. One day climbs that can be done include Howser Peak, Howser Towers, Pigeon, Snowpatch, or Bugaboo Spires. Easier climbs can be done on Eastpost, Northpost, or Brenta Spires and Marmalota Peak. Hikes can also be done to such places as the Vowell or the Four Squatters Groups. In all, a myriad of delightful climbs and hikes can be done in this area, on both snow and rock.

Friday afternoon or Saturday morning we will travel to Banff, cramming in whatever sightseeing that is possible. The meeting place will be the Tunnel Mountain Campground (showers!). A register is prominently displayed at the entrance where the location of first arrivals may be noted. Sunday morning we head up to Lake Louise and hike up the glacier to the Abbot Pass Hut. Monday and Tuesday will be spent climbing Mt. Victoria and Mt. Lefroy. If we return to the hut early Tuesday afternoon, we may elect to descent to Lake O'Hara and take the bus back to Lake Louise; otherwise we will go back down the glacier. (In a whiteout there is much to be said for the first alternative.)

Our final objective is Mt. Edith Cavell in Jasper Park. This magnificent peak commands an impressive view of the surrounding territory including Mt. Robson in the distance. Wednesday can be used for sightseeing in the Banff or Jasper areas with a rendezvous Wednesday night at Wabasso Campground, 10 miles from Jasper on Route 93.

Thursday, Aug 12, will be spent climbing Edith Cavell by the East Ridge. Friday will be an alternative day in case of bad weather.

For those who like to plan ahead, the logistics work out like this:

Bugaboos (5 days); 4 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners; full camping gear including tents, sleeping bags, etc.

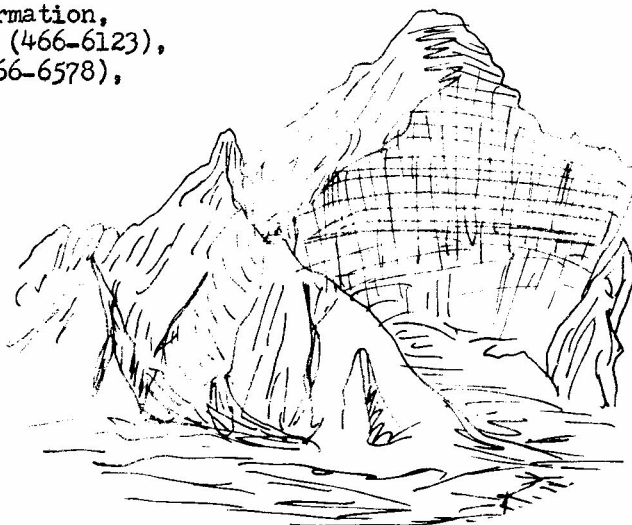
Abbot Pass (3 days); 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners; no tents or sleeping bags required, but bring stoves (and firewood for the ultimate in comfort).

Edith Cavell (1 day); 1 big lunch.

ALSO! We are tentatively planning an attempt on Mt. Robson as a concurrent activity for the second week. Mt. Robson, as is well known, involves nearly two vertical miles of less-than-routine climbing with a fair amount of objective danger to the group. As a consequence, it stands to reason that only a group of experienced climbers with high endurance shall tackle such a problem. Selection of climbers for this trip must be made accordingly. (For those who wish to enjoy themselves, the Abbot Pass and Edith Cavell Sorties promise to be very satisfying; Mt. Robson promises to be a trip fraught with unknown amounts of glory and misery, with, likely as not, the latter predominating.)

We would appreciate hearing from people planning to go as early as possible. Probably by the beginning of July, transportation and logistics can be coordinated. Consult later issues of The Rambler for last minute details.

For further information, contact Dave Allen (466-6123), Dennis Caldwell (466-6578), or Tom Stevenson (364-5268).



EDITORAMBLERIZING

by Jack McLellan

Notice anything different about The Rambler? In this issue, and in future ones, we have and will be experimenting with various kinds of reproduction and slight format changes to bring you a better club magazine. A process called "I-Tek" was used for this issue. It is an inexpensive photo process that allows us to use line drawings--maps sketches, cartoons, etc. We are also doing our own typing now, which hopefully will eliminate a few of the "tipograhpicl erorrss thta have occasionole appread in sume past isuses."

THE RAMBLER IS YOUR MAGAZINE. It is published for your enjoyment, and as such the contents of The Rambler depend a great deal on you-- Here are a few suggestions for the type of information we need:

-- Trip reports on scheduled outings. (Usually it's up to the trip leader to persuade a member of the trip to prepare a report, or do it himself!)

-- Trip reports on unscheduled outings. Do something interesting last weekend or on your vacation? Write down a paragraph or ten pages, if you want to, and mail it to your Rambler editor. Sent sketches and pictures, too.

-- Special articles on everything of interest to outdoor activity-oriented people (that's us). Historical interest stuff, short stories, both true and fiction, outdoor humor (especially outdoor humor), etc.

-- Got a place to go, but no one to go with? Advertise for a partner or two; you might end up with an expedition!

-- Want to sell, trade, or buy an item? Send in a short ad explaining what you've got or want. FREE TO NON-DEALERS. Absolutely no Tote-Gotes, though, unless you want to advertise for a vigilante committee to do-away with a few.

-- Letters to the Editor, or to anybody else.

-- SKETCHES AND PHOTOGRAPHS. Small ink sketches and line drawings, cartoons, and maps are badly needed. A constant search for front-cover-type photos goes on and on. Keep this in mind when you are taking pictures. Might even be a good excuse to sort out those drawers and shoeboxes full of photos, too. Would give you more room to stuff other junk under the bed!

-- SEND ALL RAMBLER INPUT TO JACK McLELLAN, 2391 E. 3700 S., SLC. Phone 467-6598. (All input for The Rambler for a particular month must be received by the 15th of that month. Every attempt will be made to put information in the issue requested; however, since space and time available determine what goes into an issue, an article may be delayed.)

WASATCH MOUNTAIN CLUB ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT Dennis Caldwell, Treas.

(Period of Report is from April 21, 1964, through February 28, 1965)

In Savings Account April 21, 1964	\$5.00
In Checking Account April 21, 1964	157.18

REVENUE:

Dues	\$1137.50	
Initiation and Reinstatement	104.00	
Lodge, Club Functions	771.95	
Lodge, Other Functions	395.25	
Bus	953.40	
River Trips	394.00	
Other Activities	4.13	
Telephone Refunds	70.43	
Donations	62.70	
Miscellaneous	69.19	
	<u>\$3962.55</u>	\$3962.55
		<u>\$4124.73</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Postage & Printing	\$683.57	
Phone	134.52	
Lodge, Parties	507.83	
Lodge, Other Expenses	624.77	
Bus	1324.74	
Equipment, Boats	541.70	
Equipment, Climbing	114.49	
Other Events	12.47	
Refunds	116.50	
Miscellaneous	48.56	
	<u>\$4109.15</u>	\$4109.15
In Savings Account February 28, 1965		5.00
In Checking Account February 28, 1965		<u>10.58</u>
		<u>\$4124.73</u>

A NEW BROCHURE FOR CLUB ADVERTISING is now being compiled. Anyone having interesting black and white or color photos of club activities, especially boating, family activities, hiking, and lodge activities, should send properly identified photos to Alexis Kelner, 75 "I" St., (phone 359-5387), by May 15. Photos will also be considered for Rambler cover photos as well as brochure photos.

FOR SALE --- Courtney Graves is interested in selling a pair of REIKER CLIMBING BOOTS, size 9½, worn once. Phone 486-1274.

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COTTONWOOD BOOKS

ADVERTISEMENT (but please read on -----)

Tom Stevenson and the Senior Mountaineering Committee recommend the following books as a MUST for their climbing classes this year:

Manual of Ski Mountaineering, edited by David Brower

Belaying the Leader, by the Sierra Club

Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills, by the Seattle Mountaineers
Naturally, these books are available at Cottonwood Books, Lower Mall.

David Brower, editor of Manual of Ski Mountaineering, knows his subject well. He was a training officer in the U.S. Mountain Training Group and served with the 10th Mountain Division. His book covers technique on rock and ice, and the best knots, belays, rappels, and rescues. The Snow Formation and Avalanche chapter should be of particular interest.

The business end of mountaineering is taken up in Belaying the Leader. This is a small book, the main thesis of which is the virtue of the dynamic belay. "In final analysis, the technique of belaying is a chain of factors, no link of which must fail."

The author divides the hazards of mountain climbing into two categories--objective and subjective dangers. "Objective dangers cannot be controlled; they can, nevertheless, usually be avoided." In other words, one can't control weather, so learn to understand it. "Subjective danger" is the risk of falling off the mountain. This risk originates with the climber--the mountain merely provides the cliffs from which to fall. The best way to take care of this danger is to learn how to handle the rope.

Worth memorizing is a useful set of mountaineering adjectives:

EASY: The second party's appraisal of a pitch described as "difficult" by the party making the first ascent.

MODERATE: Ditto for a pitch the first party called "severe".

MIDDLING: Pertaining to a pitch you'd rather not climb again.

INTERESTING: A climb one grade higher than you'd care to lead just now.

FASCINATING: One grade higher than you would care to lead ever.

The third book, also found at Cottonwood Books, is Mountaineering, the Freedom of the Hills. If the volume weren't so heavy, it would be a vademecum. However, careful reading before attempting to climb--then referring to it as climbing sessions continue, should make a mountaineer out of anyone. The book is also very interesting reading. Even this reviewer (whose idea of a steep climb is the ascent up 2nd South to Makoff's) read it with enjoyment.

Whether you're a "real" or "armchair" mountaineer, the books on climbing are well worth reading. And Cottonwood Books will be happy to aid you in your selection of these and any others. Wake Leon up if he's asleep at the cash register, and tell him what you want. Leon really likes to sell books when he's awake.